Suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Acts 2:2

Soundings

News and Information from the Northwest Washington Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Beyond The Goulash

Social ministry is making quilts for a Mexico orphanage, tutoring students in an inner city school and serving goulash to the homeless. But does it have to stop there?

On May 15, volunteers and guests from the Community Lunch on Capitol Hill were invited to eat dinner, share stories and deepen their definitions of social ministry by *Going Beyond the Goulash* together.

The event, held at Central in Seattle, was co-sponsored by Lutheran Community Service's Grassroots Connections and the Community Lunch on Capitol Hill, a homeless lunch program that serves a hot meal to nearly 200 people twice a week at Central Lutheran.

The attendees ranged from Brenda Michael, a formerly homeless lunch guest, to Tom and Barbara Proehl, longtime lunch volunteers from Christ the King Lutheran in Bellevue (LC-MS). For once, those who are usually scrambling to get the coffee poured and bread buttered could sit and enjoy a meal while reflecting on what keeps them coming back–year after year–to roll up their sleeves and serve.

Although familiar with personal stories,

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Synod News and Information

Synod Directory

Elaine Harrison, synod office assistant, has been working hard to update the Synod Directory. The project is now complete and the new directory is being mailed. One of the biggest changes to the directory is the format: loose leaf, three-hole punched. The hope is that this new format will make it easier for you to use and will make it easier for the synod office to send you updates. The bottom line? Your directory will stay up-do-date.

Bishop Convo

The Northwest Washington Synod Bishop's Convocation will be held from Thursday, October 23, through Saturday, October 25, at Harrison Hot Springs, B.C. This is a retreat that is for all rostered personnel and spouses.

Keynote speaker for the event is Rev. Mark Hanson, presiding bishop of the ELCA. He will be with us for the whole Convocation.

Registration deadline is September 8. This date is a fixed date. Cost is $195 for double occupancy.; $310 for single occupancy. Make checks payable to the Northwest Washington Synod. Registration includes two nights lodging and use of all resort amenities, an evening banquet on Thursday, two deluxe continental breakfasts and two coffee breaks. For directions and more information about the resort go to www.harrisonresort.com.

Keeping in Touch — Again

by Ben Bretheim, Synod Global Mission Committee

We now have a location for our get-together of Companion Churches from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 21. Join us at St. Andrew's in Bellevue (2650 148th Ave S.E).

Pastor Kirby Unti, St. Matthew in Renton, and Pastor Richard Grinstad, Burlington in Burlington, have just returned from Ethiopia and are excited to tell us about their trip. Michelle and Brenda will tell us how they have gathered funds for the support of the Haik Orphanage in Ethiopia. Our first 12 companion churches want to tell us how there are 14 more Ethiopia Mekane Yesus Churches waiting to be in companion relationship with churches who have already sent money for Economical Church Buildings.

Snacks will be provided by the Synod Global Mission Committee. Our appreciation to the Global Outreach Committee at St. Andrew's. For more information you can contact me at 206-275-2017, (Yoseph at 425-776-9548 or Fred at 786-3369.

A Word From The Bishop,

Rev. Wm Chris Boerger

Much of the last ten years of this church's life has been spent debating and acting in the ecumenical world. How are Lutherans part of the Body of Christ with others who come from other traditions? What do we mean when we say, "For this is enough for the true unity of the Christian church that there the gospel is preached harmoniously according to a pure understanding and the sacraments are administered in conformity with the divine Word. It is not necessary for the true unity of the Christian church that uniform ceremonies, instituted by human beings, be observed everywhere."[1]

Most of this conversation has occurred at the Churchwide and Synod expressions of the church. The ecumenical conversation that I have heard in the Congregational expression has seldom included representatives from other denominations. Living together in the unity that is God's gift is not just for the Synod or Churchwide expressions. The real power of Christ's gift is in the work and study that takes place on the local level.

For a number of years representatives of our synod, the Southwestern Washington Synod, the Diocese of Olympia and the Archdiocese of Seattle have been meeting in the LARC dialogs. (LARC means Lutheran-Anglican-Roman Catholic Dialogue Group.) The result of these dialogs is a paper that will soon be released on the topic of authority in the church. (Study questions are currently being compiled.)

I ask you to consider studying this document with your local Roman Catholic and Episcopal neighbors. This request is not just for the clergy, but really should include the laity. This is the next phase of our ecumenical work, bringing the work of the Synod structure into the life of the Congregations. The work that you do needs to inform and inspire the future work of the Synod and the Churchwide expressions.

My first call was to a group of Lutherans that still use an Episcopal building and a Roman Catholic building as the places they gather for worship. Ecumenical dialog was not an academic exercise, it was the way we understood the church. This encounter did not result in the tearing down of any of the participating traditions; rather it gave opportunity for each to bring the gifts that God had given them into service of all of God's people. That would be my goal for congregational ecumenism. Through that sharing we will discover our unity in Christ and the world may believe.

> **I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.**
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> John 17:20-21 NRSV

(Footnotes) [1]*Kolb, R. (2000).* The Book of Concord: The confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. *Minneapolis: Fortress Press.*

Business Of The 2003 Churchwide Assembly

Voting members of the 2003 ELCA Churchwide Assembly will act on several proposals – including an evangelism vision for the church, and a social statement on health and health care – and elect a vice president and an editor for The Lutheran, the magazine of the ELCA.

The assembly will be held at the Midwest Airlines Center in Milwaukee, Aug. 11-17.

More than 2,000 people – including 1,031 voting members elected by synods – are expected to participate in the ELCA's eighth biennial assembly. The theme is *Making Christ Known: For the Healing of the World.* It is directly related to the theme for the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) assembly, to be held July 21-31 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The LWF assembly's theme is "For the Healing of the World." The ELCA is one of 136 member churches in the LWF.

Worship, Bible study and prayer will be significant to the assembly. It includes a *Global Celebration* Aug. 14, during which the afternoon sessions will be devoted to presentations, workshops and a celebration of the ELCA's connection to the global church and the LWF.

Voting members from the Northwest Washington Synod are: Bishop Wm Chris Boerger; Luz Maria Cabrera, Burlington in Burlington; Rev. Jan Nesse, assistant to the bishop; Rev. James Rismiller, Lord of Life in Renton; Mary Jones, First of Richmond Beach in Shoreline; Carlos Aguero, Fir-Conway in Mount Vernon; Fritz Baesman, Lutheran Church in the San Juans; Cynthia Kopperstad, Grace in Des Moines; Sue Logghe, Associate in Ministry, Faith in Bellingham; William Kirlin-Hackett, St. Luke's in Bellevue; and Cliff Bronson, Associate in Ministry, Trinity in Lynnwood.

- Information about the 2003 ELCA Churchwide Assembly can be found at www.elca.org/assembly/03/.
- Information on the evangelism strategy, *Sharing Faith in a New Century: A Vision for Evangelism in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,* can be found at www.elca.org/visionevangelism.
- Information on the health care proposal, *Caring for Our Health: Our Shared Endeavor,* can be found at www.elca.org/dcs/healthcare_statement.html.

Luther—A Major Motion Picture

Luther, a sweeping motion picture about the turbulent life and times of Martin Luther, will be released nationwide in U.S. theaters on Sept. 26, 2003.

The film stars an international ensemble cast led by Joseph Fiennes ("Shakespeare in Love," "Enemy at the Gates"), Alfred Molina ("Frida," "Chocolat") and two-time Oscar®-winner Peter Ustinov ("Spartacus," "Topkapi"). Minneapolis-based Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Neue Filmproduktion of Berlin, Germany, co-produced the movie, which will open on more than 300 screens in 45 major markets in the United States.

The movie was shot on over 100 sets in 20 locations throughout Germany, Italy and the Czech Republic and features the extraordinary work of celebrated cinematographer Robert Fraisse ("Seven Years in Tibet") and Academy Award winning set designer Rolf Zehetbauer ("Cabaret"). The movie is directed by Eric Till ("Bonhoeffer: Agent of Grace") and written by Camille Thomasson and Bart Gavigan.

Information about "Luther" is posted at www.lutherthemovie.com.

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Beyond The Goulash

many of the attendees were less familiar with the "community story", the political and social issues affecting people in Seattle since the 1920's. Kate Reuer, an organizer with Grassroots Connections, used the image of fish trying to move upstream. Reuer pointed to the "rocks", or barriers, that the "fish", or citizens, battle while trying to survive. Welfare reform, lack of affordable housing, addiction and unemployment were among them.

The realization that these fish need advocates was an invitation to those who have found their way upstream–who can provide for themselves and their families–to consider their role in removing some of the barriers. Going beyond the goulash means *asking* more, *learning* more and, if so inspired, *doing* more for the people struggling around the table.

Through conversations such as what took place in May, Grassroots Connections and the Community Lunch on Capitol Hill hope to move people from charity to justice - recognizing justice as a vital component of social ministry. Workshops can be presented to social ministry committees, youth groups or other interested parties. Call Kate at 206-694-5706 for more information.

Summer Greetings

By Rev. Paul B. Benz, Director, Lutheran Public Policy Office

This month, as we experience the last month of summer, I bring before you two advocacy opportunities and resources on advocacy and hunger.

The first advocacy opportunity involves individuals and congregations as allies with the Duwamish Nation to work with them to achieve federal recognition. They thought the effort to clear all the hurdles of our federal bureaucracy was achieved during the second Clinton administration. However, the Bush administration has said that their process of recognition would not be approved. In essence, the Duwamish are back to square one!

What can you and/or your congregation do? Urge your congressional representative (Dunn, Inslee, or Larsen) to co-sponsor Congressman's McDermott's bill (HR 477) that would grant federal recognition. Just as important, urge Senator Cantwell (she sits on the Indian Affairs Committee) and Senator Murray to introduce McDermott's bill in the Senate. Or, set up a meeting with your congressperson. Or, you can help the Duwamish Nation achieve their vision of establishing their new home/long house and cultural center on West Marginal Way near the banks of the Duwamish River. A local support group has been formed.

The second advocacy opportunity is *Bread For The World's Offering of Letters* for this year - the Millennium Challenge Account. The account will help reduce global poverty in 12 to 15 targeted countries that meet certain criterion established by the legislation. Please urge your congressional representatives and senators to co-sponsor, or at least support, this legislation. What better way to combat terrorism than to alleviate the conditions that keep people in poverty. For more information go to www.bread.org. *Bread For The World* also has its excellent *Offering of Letters* kit available. You can order by calling 1-800-82-BREAD or email bread@bread.org. To contact members of congress by phone call 1-202-224-3121, or by mail: US House of Rep., Washington, DC 20515. The Senate zip code is 20510.

In conclusion, I am always interested to visit with congregations to do an *advocacy teach and preach* on Sunday mornings. I also want to meet with folks interested in forming congregational advocacy teams. We already have two teams, one at University in Seattle and the other at Holy Trinity on Mercer Island. Blessings this August!

Phone: 206-694-5772
Email:pbenz@lcsnw.org

Grant Recipients Include Local Awards

Women of the ELCA awarded $122,100 domestically and $61,543 internationally for a total of $183,643 in grants to support a variety of projects targeted at supporting families and communities.

The Women of the ELCA Grants Program selection committee chose 50 recipients this year for projects such as job training, youth mentoring, health care, education enhancement, domestic violence prevention, prison and after-prison support and AIDS prevention.

"We have a real commitment to strengthening families and communities," said Doris E. Strieter, grants program administrator, Women of the ELCA.

The Northwest Washington Synod received two grants:

- Bethany of the Northwest in Everett: *Job Training–Empowering a New Workforce.* This project received $4,000 and increases the workplace skills and self-esteem of women and men who are seeking to become independent of welfare by offering intern positions and trainee programs.
- Northwest Washington Synod: *Parish Nursing –Parish Nurses Address Abuse.* Funds of $1,000 were awarded for the printing and distribution of a workbook for parish nurses that will help church congregations address issues of substance abuse and/or child sexual abuse within their church and local communities.

International grants were awarded to support projects in Chile, India, Kenya, Mexico, Papua New Guinea, Tanzania and Uganda.

Since the program's inception in 1988, Women of the ELCA has awarded more than $2.5 million. The requests for financial help each year far exceed the resources available. In 2002, the total amount requested was over $700,000 while the amount available to award was $143,000. Of the 120 applications received, grants were awarded to 54 domestic and international programs.

> ***...that they might have life, and might have it more abundantly.***
> John 10:10

For a full listing of grant recipients or for more information about the Women of the ELCA Grants Program visit www.elca.org/wo/grants.html.

Leadership Course For Clergy

Rev. Michael Nel, Director of Consultation to Clergy, has organized a leadership course for clergy to begin this fall.

Using Family Systems Theory in Your Ministry is based on Dr. Edwin H. Friedman's *Generation To Generation* and Dr. Ronals Richardson's *Creating A Healthier Church.* The program offers a comprehensive introduction to Family Systems Theory, seeks to discover how systems concepts apply to the organizational life of the church and its ministry and much more.

This is a 42-hour program that consists of one or two three-hour sessions per month. The eight month program will begin on Wednesday, Oct. 8, at Trinity in Lynnwood. Cost is $300. A minimum of five students is necessary for the program to be offered.

For more information contact Pastor Nel at 206-623-8193, by email at mnel@comcast.net or please see the insert in this newsletter.

LENS Conference

Lutheran Education Network and Support (LENS) is pleased to announce its 14th Biennial Theological Conference at Holden Village. The Conference will be held Monday, September 22, through Thursday, September 25.

The event promises to be an excellent event featuring a great combination of theological dialogue and rest/recreation. This year's speakers are Senator Paul Simon, Dr. Sharon Daloz Parks and Rev. Cecil L. "Chip" Murray.

Paul Simon is a professor at Southern Illinois University where he teaches classes in political science, history and journalism. Dr. Parks is an associate director and faculty at the Whidbey Institute in Clinton, Wash. Rev. Murray became pastor of a 300 member congregation in 1977 and, today, that congregation has more than 17,500 members.

The Conference will begin at 1 p.m. on Monday and end at 1:45 p.m. on Thursday. Cost is $229 per person and includes tuition, room, meals and regular boat fare. A $75 per person deposit is required by August 15. Registration is limited to 225 participants.

For more information contact LENS at 360-297-1246 or by email at bwinkel@msn.com. Or, write to Rev. Bob Winkel at P.O. Box 1209, Kingston, WA 98346-1209.

Ministries Lab

Caring and Listening Ministries Lab 1 will be held on October 10-12 and November 7-9, 2003, at Sammamish Hills in Sammamish. Both weekends are required for certificate of completion. Cost is $100, meals and materials are included. For a brochure with full details, please contact Sammamish Hills at 425-392-7799.

Sharing

At Head of Ministry Staff Gathering

The Summer 2003 Head of Ministry Staff Gathering will be held from 10 am to 2 p.m. on Aug. 26, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 6215 196th Street SW, Lynnwood.

Hosts and presenters are Pastor Paul Sundberg and Pastor Mark Reitan. The purpose of this gathering is to facilitate conversation, collegiality and shared resources among the heads of ministry staff in the Northwest Washington Synod. For more information, or to sign-up, please contact Pastor John LaMunyon, Sammamish Hills in Sammamish, at prjohn@shlc.org or at 425-392-7799.

Witnessing For Peace

With breaking news on the "The Roadmap for Peace" between Israelis and Palestinians, many questions remain. A Palestinian Christian leader, and an outspoken advocate for nonviolence and Palestinian rights, Bishop Munib Younan directly addresses this situation and its imperatives in his newly released book, *Witnessing for Peace: In Jerusalem and the World* from Fortress Press.

Born of Palestinian refugee parents and raised in Jerusalem, Younan has spent his life pastoring Palestinian Christians and searching for nonviolent solutions in this complex and volatile religious and political scene.

In *Witnessing for Peace* he presents the historical and social context of the Palestinian situation. He elaborates his own theology of nonviolence, centered in the idea of martyria–heeding a call to justice, inclusion, and forgiveness. He illustrates this idea with dramatic and often tragic episodes and shows how it can address key issues in the current struggle with Israel over statehood, land, and refugees.

Munib A. Younan is Bishop of Jerusalem in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Jordan, Jerusalem. Editor: Fred Strickert is Professor of Religion at Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa.

ISBN: 0-8006-3598-1 Price: $16. To order call Fortress Press at 1-800-328-4648 or visit the web site at www.fortresspress.com.

Remember *Davey and Goliath?*

Beginning on September 14 ABC Television Network will air the "Davey and Goliath" documentary produced by the ELCA. The program is titled, *Oh Davey...the history of the Davey and Goliath television series.* This one-hour documentary will showcase the development of "Davey and Goliath," the stop-motion animation children's program created for the Lutheran church by Clokey Productions between 1960 through 1975.

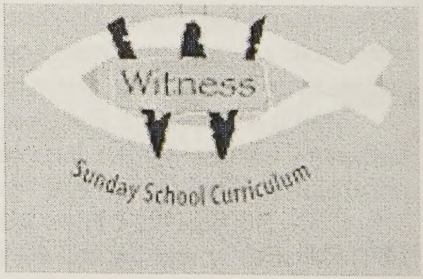
At the time of printing *Soundings*, our local ABC station had not published their fall schedule. Please confirm local listing for date and times.

Witness Curriculum Reloaded

Witness Sunday School Curriculum is teacher-friendly and kid-engaging while teaching Bible truths from a Lutheran perspective. *Witness*, a revised curriculum, gets an A+ for content and form! It has all new content and design, easy to use planning tools, and teaches kids about being God's people in today's world. There are 15 core sessions in each of the two semesters including ten excellent bonus lessons, giving you a total of 40 possible lessons for each year. Each lesson contains:

- Lesson overview
- Bible background - age-level connection - teacher prayer and devotion
- Ready for the Story - a welcome to those in the group
- Explore the Story - learners use senses to discover what the Bible says
- Live the Story - activities take learners into the world beyond the classroom
- Bonus sessions offer learning opportunities in a short, flexible format. They contain Jesus' teachings, seasonal preparations, possible field trips, and worship exploration of styles and practices.

For more information on this renewed curriculum, visit www.augsburgfortress.org/witness. You can download free sample lessons from each age group at http://augsburgfortress.org/witness/



Weaving A Spiritual Tapestry

The Northwest Parish Nurse Ministries (NPNM) 14th Annual Conference and Retreat will be held on October 24 and 25 at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma.

The theme is *Weaving A Spiritual Tapestry: From Story to Practice.* Keynote speaker John Shea, S.T.D., is a theologian and storyteller who lectures on faith based health care, integrating spirituality into clinical settings.

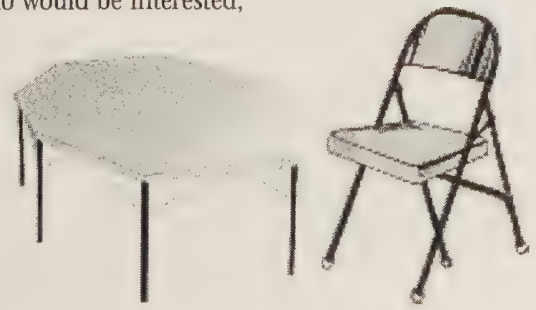
Cost is $90 per day for non-members and $75 per day for members. After Sept. 1 a $25 late fee will be charged. The conference begins at 8 a.m. on both days. NPNM membership fee is $35. Contact Catherine Williamson, pastoral care, at St. Joseph Medial Center in Tacoma at 253-426-6735.

Pastoral Leadership

The School of Theology and Ministry at Seattle University in Seattle recently announced a new pastoral leadership program called *Sustaining Pastoral Leadership.* This new, yearlong program will begin in Sept. 2003 and continue in monthly two or three-day segments through July 2004. Participants will earn 15 graduate credits and a Certificate of Pastoral Leadership. Tuition is set at $5,800 and scholarships are available. Contact Rev. Tim Phillips at 206-709-7749 or email at phillipt@seattleu.edu.

Tables and Chairs

Our Savior Lutheran Church in Issaquah, is looking for another church or nonprofit group that would be interested in some tables and chairs. OSLC has eighteen 60" round tables, five 30"x8 foot oblong tables; five 36"x8 foot oblong tables and fifty folding chairs to be given to a group or church. If you are interested or know of someone else who would be interested, please contact the church office at 425-392-4169 or by email at office@oslcissaquah.org.



JUST 4 YOUTH!

The Theme for the 2003 ELCA National Youth Gathering in Atlanta, GA is *Do Life! Ubuntu* (pronounced oo-boon-too). From the sub-Sharan language group, Bantu, Ubuntu, literally means "humanity" - I am because we are. We are because Christ is, in whose ministry, death and resurrection, we are all claimed as valuable in God's sight.

On July 23, ten youth from Prince of Peace in Everett and 16 youth from Advent (and five adults) will travel to Atlanta to experience Ubuntu first hand. (Blessings to all the youth from our synod and other synods who are gathering together to learn, worship and do ministry together.)

Community is what Ubuntu is all about. We need each other; we are strengthened by sharing with each other. Even for the youth who are not going to be able to travel to Atlanta, there are opportunities to **do community.**

- Experience the gathering from home–Live! Join thousands of excited young people worshiping, singing, cheering, praying, listening to speakers and exploring God's word. How? Connect to the gathering web site at www.elca.org/gathering.
- The Final Fifteen/Prayer. At the close of each day the gathering community (and beyond) will stop whatever they are doing at 11:45 p.m. and take time to reflect on the day, read scripture and pray. This is called the Final Fifteen. Family, friends and our communities at home can join the 20,000 gathering participants in prayer. (Remember the three hour time difference.)

And, if you are the youth from Advent and Prince of Peace, how do you get ready to attend this gathering? You participate in a service project. After all, Ubuntu is service. For three days prior to their trip to Atlanta the youth will participate in a service project with LATCH (Lutheran Alliance To Create Housing). The youth will work side-by-side with residents in three LATCH properties: the 18 unit Easternwood Cooperative in Bothell, the 24-unit Northlake Grove Cooperative in Kenmore and the 45-unit Longfellow Court and Westwood Court Cooperatives in West Seattle.

Two Openings at Sammamish Hills

Applications and job descriptions for both positions can be found at www.shlc.org. Both positions are open until filled. **Director of Christian Education**–This position provides overall leadership for Christian education for preschool through 12th grade at Sammamish Hills. Half time. **Communications Specialist**–Works in concert with staff and lay leadership of Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church to ensure effective communication of all ministries of the congregation to the congregation and to the general public. Full time.

Church Musician

Luther Memorial in Seatte is seeking a minister for music to begin Sept. 1. Responsibilites include to provide the congregation with a progressive music program involving the senior choir and handbell choir. Part time. Open until filled. For more information contact 206-364-2510.

Office Administrator

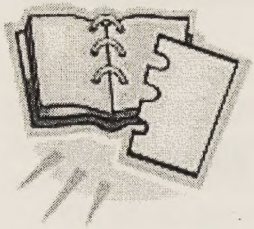
Maple Leaf in Seattle is looking for an Office Administrator for 20 hours/week. The successful candidate will greet and welcome the general public, answer phones, produce bulletins and newsletters, and keep detailed records. Strong computer skills and a high level of organization are a must. Looking for someone who is flexible, creative and who takes the initiative when they see a need. Knowledge of the Shelby computer system is a plus. Send resume to Pastor Julie Blum, 10005 32nd Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98125; telephone 206- 524-2448 or email at mapleleafelcapastor@attbi.com.

Holden Seeks Medic and Nurse

Holden Village is seeking a Nurse and Medic. The primary role of the Medic is to provide health care for Village staff and guests on a 24-hour a day on-call basis. The medic will also educate staff and guests about important health and safety issues. In the winter, the medic spends approximately 50 percent of working time in another Village position.

The successful candidate for the nurse position needs to have a current Washington State Registered Nurse License and liability insurance is required along with basic CPR certification. Previous experience is required. For more information about these positions please visit www.holdenvillage.org. Or, send inquiries to: Staff Coordination, Holden Village, HCOO Stop 2, Chelan, WA 98816.

News and Notes



- Rev. P. Kempton Segerhammer will be installed as pastor of Gethsemane in Seattle on August 3 at 4 p.m. Bishop Chris Boerger will preside and the Rev. Daniel Erlander will preach.
- **Rob Nelson, a member of Kent in Kent,** has been appointed by the ELCA to serve as a volunteer in the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission Program. Rob will serve in Egypt for one year beginning in August and will work in a church or social service ministry. Blessings to you and your ministry.
- **Another youth serving the church...Kara Linder, a member of Oak Harbor in Oak Harbor,** is finishing her year of service in London through the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program. Kara worked at the Marylebone Day Centre, a shelter that provides resources for women with social and emotional needs. She will be making a presentation to her congregation on July 27.
- On August 10, **Holy Spirit in Kirkland** will welcome four members from their sister church in Novgorod, Russia. Novgorod's Lutheran Pastor Bradn Buerkle is originally from Montana. Everyone is very excited that so early in the outreach members of the two congregations get to meet and worship together.
- **The ELCA Special Needs Retirement Fund** provides additional income to retired pastors, rostered laypersons and surviving spouses whose salaries during working years were so low that they have inadequate income to meet their daily needs. The ELCA created this Special Needs Fund in 1993. The Fund exists only through generous donations from individuals and congregations. For more information about the Fund, either for financial need or to make a gift, contact the ELCA Board of Pensions at 1-800-352-2876 or visit www.elcabop.org.
- In April **Grace in Des Moines** held an auction for Russia. The auction, *To Russia With Love,* raised more than $10,200 and was divided between the Evangeline Lutheran Church Europe/Russia (ELCER) and the congregation's sister church St. Petri and St. Anne.
- **Luther Seminary** wants you to visit their online resource directory. Whether you are searching for a topic idea, speaker or a Bible study leader www.luthersem.edu/resourceguide might just work for you.
- **Have you noticed the new look to this issue of *Soundings*?** Let us know what you think by emailing Margit Peiffle, communication specialist, at mpeiffle@msn.com.

To Keep in Our Prayers...

Within Our Family

† **Rev. Bev Piro**, Phinney Ridge, Seattle, whose mother passed away on June 12. A funeral took place in St. Louis.

† **Arne Pietz, son of Rev. Lothar Pietz** (on our synod roster, currently serving an interim at Immanuel, Boise). Arne is experiencing life-threatening complications following surgery.

† **Rev. James Ericksen (ret.)** who has been ill.

† **Rev. Jean Barrington**, on leave from call, whose mother, Eileen Meagley, died on May 31.

† Welcome home to **Corey, husband of Rev. Paula Burchill, Bethany on Bainbridge Island.** Corey was in Kuwait serving in the armed services.

† **Rev. Paul Wuest** who has had a recurrence of cancer and is undergoing treatment at this time. He is now on disability. Cards may be sent to: 12718 SE 254th Ct.; Kent, WA 98031; prwuest@attbi.com. He was serving as the interim pastor at Holy Cross, Bellevue.

† **The family of Norma M. Everette, wife of former Maple Leaf pastor, Rev. Oliver P. Everette.** Norma passed away in April.

† **Lori Cavender, Director of Ministries for Children and Youth at Peace, Seattle.** Lori is having difficult complications with her MS. Cards may be sent to her at Peace Lutheran Church, 8316 - 39th Ave. SW, Seattle, WA 98136.

† Ten-year-old **Emily Warner**, granddaughter of **Rev. Paul and Karen Gabrielsen (ret.).** Emily has had a recurrence of cancer and no further treatment is possible. Her prognosis is not good. Cards may be sent to: Rev. Paul and Karen Gabrielsen; 12414 89th Pl NE; Kirkland, WA 98034.

† **Phil Young, husband of Linda Albert Young.** Phil was diagnosed with leukemia and is receiving treatment at Northwest Hospital in Seattle. Linda was the office assistant at the synod until 2001. Phil and Linda have a two-year old son, Gabriel.Cards can be sent to: 810 B Hiawatha Pl. S, Seattle, WA 98144.

† **Rev. Eric Ranum** as he heals from his radiation treatments for his brain tumor. Updates on his condition are posted at www.Trinitylutheran-cda.org.

† **Rev. Robert Moylan (ret.)** as he deals with progressive muscular dystrophy.

† **Rev. Jim Schoeld (ret.)** as he learns to do new things.

Within Our Family depends upon you-not only for prayers, but also your prayer requests. Please contact the Synod office with any additions to this column.

New In the Resource Center

The Bible Jesus Read with Philip Yancey

In *The Bible Jesus Read,* award-winning author Philip Yancey combines scholarship and insight to bring new light to old material and to stimulate new thought and further study. This eight-session curriculum uses video and group discussion to explore the sometimes shocking and cryptic writings of the Old Testament to help readers know God better. Yancey serves as guide and interpretive leader of each session and, in a series of in-depth interviews and explanations, covers five crucial segments of the Old Testament:

- Job: Seeing in the Dark
- Deuteronomy: A Taste of Bittersweet
- Psalms: Spirituality in Every Key
- Ecclesiastes: The End of Wisdom
- The Prophets: God Talks Back

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